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SUBJ: MEDIA REACTION: MOSCOW'S TROUBLES

1. MOSCOW'S MASSIVE AID TO AFRICA IS AIMED AT GETTING A STRONGHOLD IN THE HORN OF AFRICA FROM WHICH TO CONQUER OTHER AFRICAN COUNTRIES AND CONTROL THEIR RAW MATERIALS, WRITES ASST EDITOR IN CHIEF KITAMBALA KULUBITCH IN A FRONT PAGE EDITORIAL IN KINSHASA MORNING DAILY SALONGO FEB 22. AFTER POINTING OUT THE GROWING SOVIET AND CUBAN MILITARY INVOLVEMENT IN THE OGADEN CONFLICT, THE EDITORIAL NOTES PRES CARTER'S STATEMENT OF CONCERN OVER SOVIET AND CUBAN PRESENCE IN THE HORN OF AFRICA. EDITOR KITAMBALA ALSO QUOTES SUDANESE PRES NIMEIRY WHO SAID THAT US "HAS LEFT THE SOVIETS FREE TO DO AS THEY PLEASE IN THE HORN OF AFRICA" AND THAT THE SOVIETS WILL TAKE OVER AFRICA LITTLE BY LITTLE, NOT BY USING ARMS BUT THROUGH SUBVERSION.

2. AGAIN QUOTING THE SOUDANESE PRESIDENT, EDITORIAL SAYS THAT AFTER "THEY (THE RUSSIANS) FINISH OCCUPYING THE HORN OF AFRICA, THEY WILL TURN NEXT TO SUDAN" AND THEN TO KENYA, "WHICH IS THE USSR'S PRIMARY OBJECTIVE."

3. EDITOR KITAMBALA WONDERS WHAT LED THE SOVEIT UNION AND CUBA
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WHOSE PREVIOUS EXPERIENCES IN AFRICA WERE RATHER DISCOURAGING, TO GET DEEPER AND DEEPER INTO CONFLICTS BETWEEN AFRICAN STATES. "CAN ONE REALLY BELIEVE AS OTHERS SAY THAT MOSCOW'S MASSIVE MILITARY AID TO ADDIS ABABA IS JUSTIFIED BY THE SOVIET DESIRE TO HELP OTHER POEPLS IN THEIR LIBERATION STRUGGLES?" ASKS THE EDITOR, ADDING: "WHY HAS THIS ASSISTANCE NOT BEEN OF AN ECONOMIC NATURE; WHY HAS MOSCOW NOT RESPONDED FAVORABLY TO NEGOTIATION

APPEALS MADE BY INTERNATIONAL ORGANIZATIONS INTERESTED IN PROTECTING FUNDAMENTAL HUMAN LIBERTIES?" THE REAL OBJECTIVE OF THE SOVIETS, CLAIMS THE EDITORIAL, IS THE CONTROL OF AFRICA WHICH HAS IMPORTANT RAW MATERIALS.

4. EDITORIAL CONTINUES, "THE ETHIOPIAN-SOMALI CONFLICT MUST BE SOLVED BY THE ORGANIZATION OF AFRICAN UNITY, AND ALL OTHER COUNTRIES WHICH CLAIM TO BE FRIENDS OF AFRICA SHOULD ENCOURAGE ANY INITIATIVE TAKEN IN THAT CONTEXT. WE ARE CONVINCED THAT THE AFRICAN WISDOM, WHICH HAS HELPED TO OVERCOME PREVIOUS CRISES, WILL BE ABLE TO SETTLE THE DIFFICULT PROBLEM NOW FACING THE HORN OF AFRICA", CONCLUDES COMMENTARY. ITEM. DUMAS

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